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THE NEW PREDATOR

LOOK OUT, SUE! FIELD MUSEUM SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED ANOTHER KILLER DINOSAUR



“It’s more than just a new dinosaur. It’s the first evidence we have of a whole new group of dinosaurs in North America.”

—Peter Makovicky,
Field Museum curator of dinosaurs

Chicago Tribune

Field Museum scientists have discovered a new “top predator” dinosaur in North America, a significant precursor to T. rex and an important part of an emerging fossil record for the continent, the museum planned to announce early Friday.

The 4-ton, 30-foot animal was discovered in a region of 100 million-year-old rock in Utah during a museum expedition led by Peter Makovicky, curator of dinosaurs, and Lindsay Zanno, then a postdoctoral fellow at the Field.

Siats meekerorum—named by the scientists after a man-eating monster of legend from the region’s Ute Indian people and the Meekers, a museum donor family from Evanston—helps flesh out what has been a skeletal picture of North American wildlife in the tens of millions of years before Tyrannosaurus rex was the dominant predator.

Although Siats is the third-largest carnivore found on the continent, this fossil is no Sue, the largely intact T. rex skeleton that presides over the Field’s central hall. Indeed, it takes imagination to turn the smattering of bones that rested earlier this week on a striped tablecloth in the museum’s back office into a predatory behemoth.

But mostly, it takes science, the kind of knowledge that can extrapolate from a hipbone’s telltale notch and distinctive openings in vertebrae to determine that this was a member of the allosauroids’ megaraptor subgroup—and “the top dog in his neighborhood, so to speak,” Makovicky said.

In 2008, Zanno spotted the first of the bones on a hillside in Utah’s Cedar Mountain Formation, days before the group’s relatively unfruitful expedition was to end and as “morale was low,” said Zanno, now director of paleontology at North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

Friday’s publication in Nature Communications of Zanno and Makovicky’s paper, “Neovenatorid theropods are apex predators in the Late Cretaceous of North America,” marks the official unveiling of the new species.

“The gist of this paper is about the changing of the guard among the top apex predators,” said University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno, who read an advance copy of the paper. And while the couple of dozen bones do not include the ideal full-skull find, it is “very significant,” he said.

“It’s from a really poorly known time period out West. You need these flagpoles,” Sereno said. “They may not be pretty. You’re not going to mount [the Siats bones] on a stick. But it’s enough” to further the developing belief that “pre-tyrannosaur giants” had radiated across the globe.

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Thanksgiving is for your other family



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If you're a transplant like me, you simply cannot make it home to spend all the holidays with the fam. This is not necessarily a bad thing. If it boils down to Thanksgiving or Christmas, many of us will choose to head home for the latter.

This does not mean you should spend Thanksgiving alone. Au contraire,

Thanksgiving is the time to get together with your urban family ... and get rip-roaring drunk. In my urban family, this tradition has come to be known as Wine Teeth. It started seven years ago, with a dialogue that went something like this:

Me: Hey dude, are you going home for Thanksgiving?

Will (who at the time was my new best friend who had attended French culinary school): No.

Me: Oh, me neither.
(Long pause)

Me: Maybe we should cook Thanksgiving dinner or something?

Will: And by "we" you mostly mean me, right?

Me: Yes. Yes, that's correct.

Will: OK, good plan.

What began as a vague plot to cook a traditional Thanksgiving meal turned into an epic, three-day [bleep]show of a lifetime, and it's a recipe for revelry that I'd like to pass on today. Here are the basic ingredients:

1. Go out for Black Wednesday (and bring someone home)

My urban family typically does a pub crawl. When I say "bring someone home," I mean invite as many people you meet at the bar as possible. Our rule is that every year we have to have at least one completely random guest we met the night before.

2. Throw a slumber party

If you did Step 1 correctly, all your friends

should have crashed at your place. This is ideal because brunch on Thanksgiving morning is imperative. Rouse your houseguests with bloodies, mimosas and egg sandwiches before you put them to work in the kitchen. If they complain of hangovers, remind them to be thankful for your hospitality.

3. Buy food

If you forgot to grocery shop, it's not a big deal. It turns out most major grocery stores are open on Thanksgiving. And better yet, all the annoying people who flocked to the store in the days leading up to Thanksgiving causing the massive lines and headaches are home with their families. You have the store to yourself!

4. Flip the bird

Cooking a turkey might sound daunting if you have never done it before, but it's actually fairly hard to screw up if you follow the directions on the packaging, like preheating the oven, setting a timer and checking the temperature. My best advice is just to make sure your guests are really drunk and hungry before serving the meal.

5. Keep the wine flowing

Like Fight Club, the No. 1 rule of Wine Teeth is Don't Run Out of Wine. The smart host serves the best wine first and the Two-Buck Chuck later in the evening. Speaking of, Trader Joe's is closed on Thanksgiving, so if there is any amount of foresight going into your gathering, it should be a Wednesday night pit stop for some good ol' Charles Shaw.

6. Friday movie marathon

The first year of Wine Teeth, I had to work on Friday. I left a heap of crumpled-up friends on the floor of my apartment around 9 a.m., expecting a mess and an empty apartment when I returned. Instead I found a sparkling clean apartment and all of my houseguests watching "Jurassic Park III" in my living room. That's when the party officially turned into a bender. You probably know where to take it from here.

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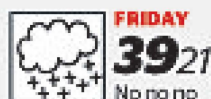
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The entry of Michael Jordan's Highland Park estate PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN S. ECKERT PHOTOGRAPHY

Wanna live like Mike?

The mansion owned by His Airness will go to highest bidder

Chicago Tribune

Michael Jordan's 56,000-square-foot mansion in Highland Park—complete with an NBA regulation-size basketball court—will be put up for sale during a live auction Friday.

No minimum bid has been set for the superstar's 7.4-acre estate at 2700 Point Lane, but prospective buyers are required to put down a \$250,000 deposit just to participate in the bidding, said Laura Brady, president of New York-based Concierge Auctions.

First placed on the market in March 2012, the fully furnished "Legend Point" estate failed to sell for its listing price of \$29 million. At the time, it was the highest-priced home in the Chicago area, with

property taxes set at \$165,224 in 2010, according to public records.

In 2012, Jordan paid \$178,900 in property taxes, according to the Lake County Treasurer's Office.

"Our auction process works well for properties that are incomparable," Brady said, calling it "very similar to an auction we conduct on antiques or fine arts. These properties are impossible to value, other than having competition and buyers interested in purchasing them. ... It's worth the highest value that buyers are willing to pay for it."

Jordan, who raised three children with ex-wife Juanita in the Highland Park home, still uses it but spends most of his time at another residence in Florida, Brady said.

"It's where I lived during my championship years," Jordan is quoted in the release. "I still have business interests in Chicago, including my restaurants, and Chicago will

BEHIND THE DOORS

The estate features a pool pavilion, tennis court, putting green, nine bedrooms, 15 full bathrooms and four half-baths, according to a news release. The lower level of the mansion includes a card and cigar room with a custom-built, walk-in humidor; 500-plus-bottle wine cellar; wine-tasting room; sitting room; and a fully equipped, in-house beauty salon.

always have a piece of my heart. It's a special place with incredible people, who embraced me from the day I arrived. But my kids are grown now, and I don't need a large house there anymore."

Brady declined to disclose the time and location of the auction, as well as the number of bidders expected to participate. Bidding will be in person or over the phone, she said.



THE \$#!T LIST

A WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF CHICAGO MAYHEM

Man runs out on \$900 tab

1 A Woodlawn man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly ran up a \$900 bar tab at a West Loop Chinese restaurant and couldn't pay it. The man was at the Dragonfly Mandarin Restaurant, county prosecutors said, attending a friend's birthday celebration until nearly 3 a.m. Sunday morning. When it came time to pay the bill, which was \$911.56 for food and drink, an employee ran several of the man's credit cards but they were not able to cover the tab. So he fled.

Ride ends in robbery

2 A Skokie man was arrested Monday after he was accused of catching a cab ride into Chicago from Rivers Casino and then robbing the driver at gunpoint last May, county prosecutors said. When he arrived at his destination, he allegedly told the cab driver he needed to go inside to collect money to pay the fare. But when he returned he instead had a gun, prosecutors said.

Sketchy deal at Skechers store

3 Two employees of a Portage Park Skechers store were arrested Tuesday on charges of theft after they allegedly separately stole a total of more than \$10,500 from the store over half a year. According to prosecutors, both stole money from the Skechers outlet by conducting "false returns" of merchandise under their employee numbers when merchandise hadn't actually been returned to the store. One allegedly stole a total of \$10,282.30 in cash. The other allegedly netted about \$500. RACHEL CROMIDAS, REDEYE

EXPRESS LINES

» Drivers headed along Clark Street west of Wrigley Field soon could pass under a "branded" archway with advertising, part of an amended Wrigleyville overhaul plan that took a step closer to reality Thursday.

» Vice President Joe Biden will visit Chicago on Monday to join Mayor Emanuel at the groundbreaking of a domestic violence center, the White House said.

» A man working on a roof at O'Hare's Terminal 5 as part of a contractor crew died Thursday after falling to the ground, authorities said. TRIBUNE



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Committee approves Fed nominee

1 The Senate Banking Committee on Thursday approved Janet Yellen's nomination to become the first woman to lead the Federal Reserve, sending it to the full Senate for a final vote.

Kennedy cousin released on bail

2 Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel, who spent 11 years in prison for the 1975 murder of a teenage neighbor in Greenwich, Conn., walked free Thursday after a judge granted him bail ahead of a new trial.

Colo. theater shooting trial postponed

3 The judge in the Colorado theater shootings case on Thursday indefinitely postponed the trial of James Holmes so attorneys can argue whether he should undergo another psychiatric evaluation. Holmes' trial had been set to begin in February.

Weapons agency seeks private help for Syria

4 The international agency tasked with locating and destroying Syria's chemical weapons said Thursday it was calling for help from private industry in neutralizing 1,000 metric tons of chemicals and munitions after U.S. ally Albania balked at hosting the operation.

Could U.S.-Afghanistan pact be delayed?

5 President Hamid Karzai told his countrymen on Thursday that a vital security pact with the United States should not be signed until after Afghanistan's presidential election next April, prompting the White House to underscore its demand for a year-end deadline.

Senate guts the filibuster

6 WASHINGTON The Democratic-controlled Senate, in a historic and bitterly fought rule change, stripped Republicans on Thursday of their ability to block President Obama's judicial and executive branch nominees.

On a nearly party-line vote of 52-48, Democrats changed the Senate's balance of power by reducing from 60 to 51 the number of votes needed to end procedural roadblocks known as filibusters against presidential nominees, except those for U.S. Supreme Court judges.

Obama, a former Senator, praised the action, calling the filibuster "a reckless and relentless tool to grind all business to a halt."

The rule, which has become a symbol of

Washington gridlock, has survived dozens of attacks over the years largely because both major political parties like to use it whenever they are in the minority in the Senate. Getting rid of it was considered so momentous that it was dubbed the "nuclear option" in the Senate.

The rule change, which does not apply to legislation, will speed up the confirmation of Obama appointments to the courts as well as to Cabinet and regulatory agencies. But it is likely to stoke the bitter partisan divide in Washington as Republicans search for a way to retaliate.

The immediate spark for the move was Democratic frustration at Republican use of the filibuster to block Obama's appointments

to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, considered the nation's second most important court after the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Washington-based appeals court handles crucial disputes involving the powers of the presidency and Congress, along with regulatory matters involving air and water pollution, banks, securities trading, telecommunications and labor relations.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) led the charge on the rules change, accusing Republicans of record obstructionism.

Reid said that of the 168 filibusters against presidential nominees in U.S. history, half were held against Obama's picks.



8 A Colombian policeman performs with his dog in Medellin, Colombia, on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

3 women rescued from 30-year captivity

7 LONDON Three women enslaved for 30 years have been rescued from a house in London, including one who has spent her entire life in domestic servitude, police said Thursday.

Officers, who arrested a man and a woman, both 67, at their south London home, described it as the worst case of servitude to have emerged in the British capital.

Police said they did not believe the women—a 69-year-old Malaysian, a 57-year-old from Ireland and the 30-year-old Briton—were related and there was no evidence of sexual abuse. It was not clear where the youngest of the three was born.

The women appeared to have had limited freedom over the years but it was not until one victim summoned the courage to call a charity after watching a documentary on forced marriage that their plight came to light.

They were rescued several weeks ago but the case was kept secret until Thursday's arrests.



THE DIGIT

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BEARS

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AGAINST Everybody

By Jack M Silverstein | FOR REDEYE

When the Bears take the field Sunday against St. Louis, Josh McCown will be the starting quarterback for the third time in four games. The Bears are 2-0 in his starts this year and likely would have defeated Detroit on Nov. 10 had McCown played instead of a still-injured Jay Cutler.

But before McCown's success leads to the inevitable clamoring from Bears fans and pundits suggesting that McCown retain the starting job ahead of a healthy Cutler, let's remind ourselves that we have a habit of overreacting to backups' success.

With that in mind, here is a look at Bears fans' ever-fluctuating views of the team's non-Cutler QB as graded on the "Better-Than-Cutler" Scale.

JACK M SILVERSTEIN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

TODD COLLINS

Bears fans saw through Collins immediately. In 2010, he got his first action in Week 3 after the N.Y. Giants knocked Cutler out, then got knocked out himself. He started the next week against Carolina in what has to be the worst performance ever for a winning quarterback: no touchdowns, four interceptions, 32 yards. He didn't play again until the NFC title game, when he threw four passes, completed none and was yanked for Caleb Hanie. He never played in the league again.

Before 2010



After 2010

**KYLE ORTON**

After he led the Bears to a 9-7 season in 2008, the team shipped Orton to Denver for Cutler and two first-round picks. Some Bears fans pooh-poohed the trade; even Brian Urlacher later admitted he was less than thrilled with the move. Six games into the 2009 season, Orton's Broncos were 6-0 while Cutler's Bears were 3-3, and the anti-Cutler "I-told-you-so" voice grew stronger. Then the floor dropped out. Cutler's record after those first six games? 35-23. Orton's? 8-22.

Before 2009



After 2009

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Jay Cutler (left)
and Josh McCown
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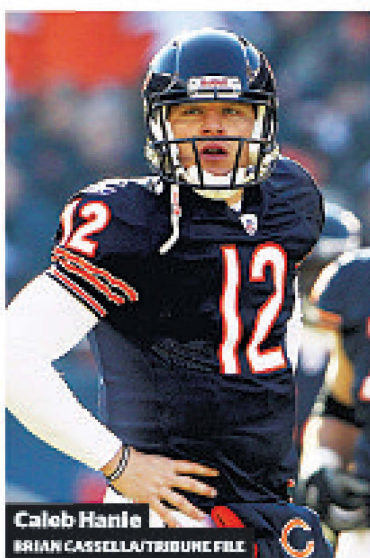
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CALEB HANIE

The "Better-Than-Cutler" insanity peaked with Caleb Hanie. He subbed for Todd Collins in both the aforementioned Giants and Panthers games. Nobody thought he was better than Cutler, though he was clearly better than Collins. After Collins' disastrous NFC title game, Hanie subbed in with a Super Bowl berth on the line. He threw two horrific picks but led the team to one touchdown, and with Bears fans harshly turning on Cutler for his failure to re-enter the game, a cuddly love-bubble coalesced around Hanie.

The implication was clear: "If Jay goes down, we'll be fine. Hell, if it's between rooting for that unlikable brute Cutler or that go-getter Hanie, I know who I'll take!" That is, until Bears fans saw him in sustained action after Cutler's 2011 season-ending injury in Week 11. Hanie took over and lost all four of his starts. He hasn't thrown an NFL pass since.



Caleb Hanie
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After the NFC title game



After 2011



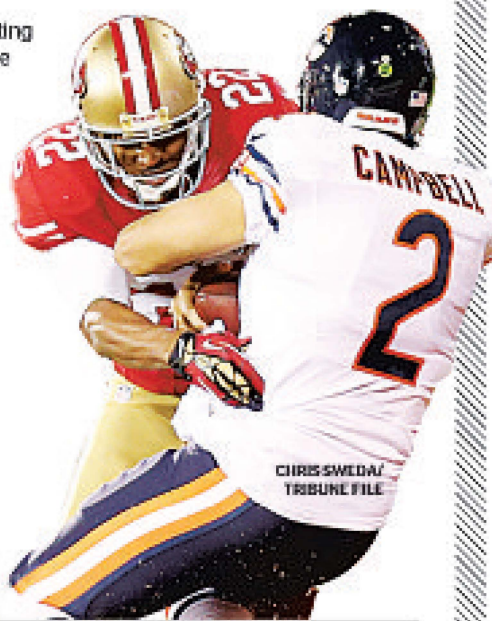
JASON CAMPBELL

After the Hanie experiment, the Bears settled on a truly novel idea: "What if we found a—stay with me here—a competent backup quarterback? Just in case, ya know, Cutler gets injured. Again." Enter Jason Campbell. Not even the most ardent Cutler-bashers thought Campbell could unseat Cutler, but with an 11-7 record in two seasons in Oakland, fans

at least thought the team was prepared in the event of another Cutler injury.

That injury came in a Week 10 loss to Houston, setting up Campbell's first start of the season in a Week 11 game in San Francisco. His opponent would be another backup, some no-name called Colin Kaepernick.

Campbell bombed in his one start as a Bear (107 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs), and Cutler returned the next week.



CHRIS SWEDA/
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Before the San Francisco game



After the San Francisco game



JOSH MCCOWN

When Hanie flamed out in 2011, third-stringer Josh McCown started the season's final two games, losing to Green Bay before beating Minnesota. After an on-again-off-again relationship with the Bears, McCown entered this season as the No. 2 man. After Cutler was knocked out of the Washington game, McCown faced the impossible challenge of starting a game at Lambeau Field. His surprising victory and subsequent success have the "QB controversy" chatter starting up again.

Before the Green Bay game



After the Baltimore game



Trust me, it's the weapons



SACKED AGAIN

Bag Boy

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Here's a debate that's fun, challenging and a complete waste of your time.

There seem to be theories about Josh McCown's success. Some say "Hey, it's the QB. He's awesome. Doesn't make any mistakes, doesn't turn it over."

And some say it's the coach and the system. Marc Trestman is a genius, and he did this with Rich Gannon and on and on.

First off, I'm grateful for both. When you've been through, oh let's see, Caleb Hanie, Todd Collins, Henry Burris or Jonathan Quinn (my God, we are survivors, aren't we?), plus our starters who were technically backups—Craig Krenzel?—I'll take a McCown any day. I love the smarts and the humility. Seems like a great guy.

And I'll take Trestman. While walking through a desert, we somehow found this guy. Imagine: a coach in Chicago who can work with QBs. I'd like a drink of water, please.

But really, it's the weapons. Call him a game manager if you like, but no game manager has Martellus Bennett, Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery. He's more of a point guard to me. A distributor. No, I don't think Gannon had those when he won the MVP playing for Trestman. And here's another thing McCown has: a decent offensive line.

And until this year, Cutler hasn't had any of these things either. So remember that when we're all saying he isn't worth a big-time contract. Oh, interesting. Because, as we know in Chicago, we can just go get a quarterback anytime. They're everywhere!

Watch it with the short memories. They'll hurt you.

You know who isn't hurting? Northern Illinois. The pride of the Land of Lincoln. It's November, it's Huskie time! (I made that up. Go ahead, use it.) Yes, I think they're headed for yet another BCS bowl bid!

Northwestern and Illinois: Seriously guys, start recruiting players from there. It can't hurt. They say the best MAC team is better than middling Big Ten teams. That makes Northern Illinois the best team in the state.

Gosh I love football, it makes waiting for Derrick Rose's return easier. Oh, he is back already? Yikes.

Let me know when he's BACK back.

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QB WARS

The Bears are sold on Jay Cutler as their starter. These five are less than convinced, however.



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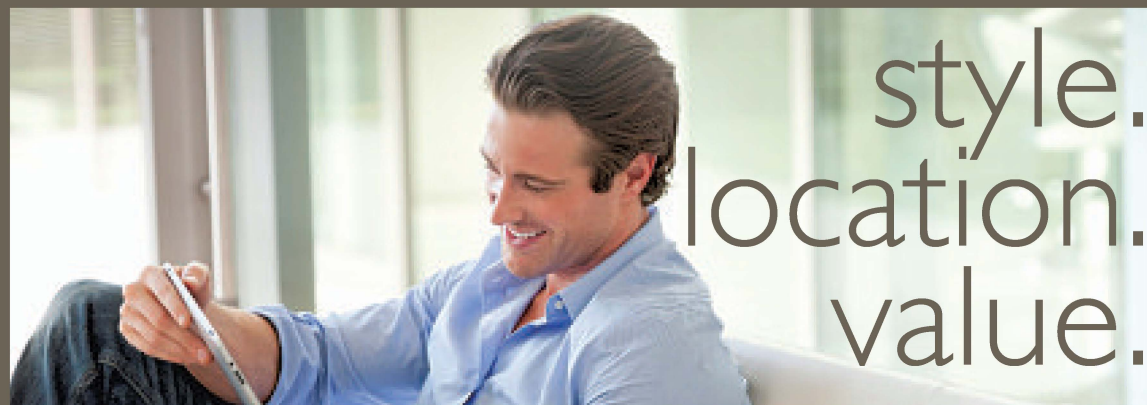
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1	Jay Cutler vs. Josh McCown. Who ya got?	Wait, is McCown Kanye, Cutler Kim and Trestman the motor-cycle? I'm so traumatized by that video.	I got a franchised Cutler and a QB drafted in the first round this spring.	McCown. But only because he's outplayed Cutler by nearly every measure, which, you know, matters.	Cutler, when he's healthy.	Michael Andres: Cutler. He married into MTV money. McCown coached high school kids. Nuff said.
2	Devin Hester's working out with the Bears' defensive backs. Discuss.	Watching Hester play DB is like watching Jimmy and Quiggy slap fight.	Hey, they score more often than he does. Couldn't hurt.	If it comes to that, then there's really nothing to discuss.	They need all the help they can get.	@MetsMike_129 Stahppp.
3	Now that Blackhawks goalie Antti Raanta has tasted NHL action he'll be asked to play DB for the Bears ahead of Hester. You, reading this paper, you're next.	... he is immortal as long as he stays out of direct sunlight.	... he's surprised how much it tastes like chicken.	... it's way too early to be anti-Antti.	@JetSetVegas ... considering the result, he should want to spit it out.
4	What's with all the toe injuries to Chicago athletes lately?	Is Rex Ryan in town?	It's the dastardly work of the international crime syndicate T.O.E.S.L.A.M.I	That's what happens when you're constantly pulling it out of your ... HEY, A SQUIRREL!	Lack of stretching.	@StanDeCwildeUr If you're gonna have a sports fetish injury, go with TOE!
5	How should Alex Rodriguez channel all the anger he's feeling lately?	Therapy sessions with Kanye. In his world, anger = genius.	Lay down on a mattress of his money. Huell-style.	By leaving and never coming back.	The universe is always trying to tell us something. In this case, it's saying, "You're a scumbag, Alex."	Brian Thompson: One word ... JAZZERCISE!



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Josh McCown (12) in the huddle during Sunday's game against the Ravens
JOSEPH OSORIO/TRIBUNE

There's something about Josh McCown's ... voice?!?!

Josh McCown's efficiency and productivity have been obvious in the past month. The Bears quarterback has yet to turn the ball over and has led 15 scoring drives in 29 possessions since halftime of the team's Week 7 game in Washington.

McCown also has earned the respect and confidence of his teammates with his leadership and presence in the huddle.

On Thursday, colorful tight end Martellus Bennett was asked to describe what McCown sounds like when presiding over the

huddle.

"Like Josh," Bennett replied with a shrug. Pressed by a reporter for a more witty response, Bennett took the bait.

"Ben Stiller, maybe," he said. "But Ben Stiller in 'Heavyweights.' Yeah, it's a little country. But it's a combination of Jesus and Ben Stiller."

And Bennett has heard Jesus to be confident in that comparison?

"We've all heard Jesus," he said. "But some of us aren't listening."

By the time McCown took to the podium

for his Thursday news conference, he could only shake his head and laugh at the analogy.

"I'm trying to process Ben Stiller and Jesus," McCown said. "I just want to be there to listen to them two talk. Because I think that would be cool. I don't know."

As for his huddle presence?

"I just try to call the plays as clear as I can and communicate what's been communicated to me through the headset," he said. "That's pretty much it. Other things are said from time to time. But I'll leave that in the huddle."

Decepticons for everyone!

This is gonna make Martellus "The Black Unicorn" Bennett super jealous. According to ESPN, Nike and Hasbro have collaborated to produce an action figure for Detroit receiver Calvin Johnson, aka "Megatron." The toy comes as part of a three-shoe package for Nike.

WHO'S TOP DOG?

Each week, RedEye's prognosticating pooch, Whizzer, goes paw to paw with Rob Cressy's miniature schnauzer, Callie, in NFL picks. Here are their picks for Week 12.

Records after Week 11:

Whizzer is 36-19, Callie is 30-25



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BLACKHAWKS 6, WINNIPEG 3

Jonathan Toews had a goal and three assists to lead the Hawks to a 6-3 victory over the Jets on Thursday at the MTS Centre. Patrick Kane and Marian Hossa each added a goal and an assist while Brandon Saad, Ben Smith and Patrick Sharp also scored as the Hawks evened their record on a seven-game road trip to 1-1. Corey Crawford earned the win in goal while making his 13th consecutive appearance for the Hawks. Toews also had a strong night in the faceoff circle, with 18 wins in 26 draws to spark the defending champions.



Bryan Bickell will be out at least two weeks with an injury. NUCCIO DI NUZZO/TRIBUNE

Hawks not quite whole

The injury bus still has a hold on the Blackhawks. Here's the latest.

Bryan Bickell: Out at least two weeks with a lower-body injury that a source said was to the winger's left knee.

Marian Hossa: Returned to the lineup Thursday. He missed the last three games with a lower-body injury.

Michal Handzus: Could rejoin the Hawks this weekend. He has missed 12 consecutive games with an upper-body injury.

HOT DATE

SATURDAY

That's when Comcast SportsNet will televise the high school football playoff game between Washington and Sacred Heart-Griffin. The town of Washington was decimated by last weekend's tornado. The game begins at 1 p.m., and the telecast will include information on how to aid relief efforts.

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435 N. Clark St. 312-610-4200; Order deadline: Monday

For its first Thanksgiving, the River North restaurant is offering a \$179 dinner for eight to 10 people that includes smoked turkey, three side dishes and a pie. For a vegetable side option, chef Doug Psaltis created his own spin on the traditional green bean casserole that features sauteed green beans tossed in a Cajun-spiced mustard vinaigrette and topped with onion crunch. It offers "all the great pleasures of green bean casserole without some of the guilt," he said. There's also the dessert-like sweet potato fluff, which is made with roasted sweet potatoes that are whipped with brown butter and nutmeg, topped with marshmallow fluff and then with a touch of brown sugar to give it some crunch. As an added bonus, the restaurant will donate \$40 to Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign for every dinner sold.

REAL KITCHEN

1433 W. Montrose Ave.
773-281-2888

Order deadline: Monday

It's a deliciously good sign that this Ravenswood cafe has sold out of its Thanksgiving to-go package for the past two years. You can order brined and butter-roasted 12-pound Amish turkey (\$75) stuffed with onions, celery, apple, oranges, sage and thyme, plus sides inspired by chef Nick Schmuck's childhood favorites, which include green bean casserole (\$23), mashed potatoes (\$18) and turkey gravy (\$18). "We're not trying to be fancy or deviate too far from the norm," he said. "We're trying to give people a real traditional Thanksgiving."

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DISH IT OUT

THESE THANKSGIVING DISHES ARE ALL MADE FROM SCRATCH—BY SOMEBODY ELSE

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

Let's not cook and say we did. If you're hosting or attending a family Thanksgiving—or the buddies-only version, Friendsgiving—dinner this year, that might be what you're thinking about now. If the thought of brining your own turkey or bringing a made-from-scratch dish to pass isn't worth the hassle (or gamble, if cooking isn't your thing), look to these eight restaurants catering to the cooking-impaired and time-crunched by offering Thanksgiving dishes to-go. Whether you're looking for a traditional turkey and sides or a pie that everyone (including your vegan friend) will eat, place your order now so the only thing you'll have to stress about next week is football scores.

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54 E. Ontario St. 312-202-0899

Order deadline: Monday

The River North bakery has your whole dinner for five covered with a \$175 package including carved organic turkey, three sides, butternut squash soup, gravy, cranberry sauce, bread and a pie. "The owner and I found that in the urban Chicago area, a lot of people don't cook, but still had people coming over for Thanksgiving and don't have a lot of options," marketing director Kripa Narayanan said. "We thought it would be a great idea to put the whole meal in a ready-to-go package." If you're just on the hook for dessert, \$25 buys you two pies. You can also prepare for an especially hungry table by picking out some extra sides for \$15 each; options include candied carrots and yams and cornbread stuffing with dried fruit.



WEST TOWN BAKERY & DINER

1916 W. Chicago Ave.
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Order deadline: Saturday

Pastry chef Chris Teixeira doesn't like canned cranberry sauce, so he's making his own cranberry jam from evaporated cane juice, local cranberries and a little red wine. The result is a topping that's not too sweet or tangy. The vegan-friendly bakery also is selling pumpkin, apple-pecan and apple-cranberry crumble pies made using tofu instead of eggs (\$22.95-\$24.95) and 36-packs of dinner rolls that features a mix of brioche, pretzel, wheat and potato rolls (\$15). "People are already stressed out enough during Thanksgiving without doing baking," Teixeira said.

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DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAK HOUSE

58 E. Oak St. 312-888-2499

Order deadline: Wednesday

This Gold Coast restaurant offers serious flexibility with the size of its to-go side dishes for Thanksgiving. Order servings for one to eight people of dishes such as chateau potatoes (\$11.50-\$29) hand-whipped with butter, milk and green onion; or maque choux corn (\$10.50-\$26) cooked with onion, bell peppers, smoked ham and a bit of cream.

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CHATEAU
POTATOES

THE FLORENTINE

151 W. Adams St. 312-660-8866; Order deadline: Thursday

If you waited until the last minute to make plans, you can still enjoy Thanksgiving dinner in the comfort of your home. This Loop restaurant is offering a \$65 four-course dinner to-go including lentil soup made with cotechino sausage and gala apples, butternut squash ravioli and turkey breast stuffed with pork sausage and wild rice served with roasted brussels sprouts. The restaurant's entire menu of Italian fare is also available for takeout.

BANG BANG PIE SHOP

2051 N. California Ave. 773-276-8888

Order deadline: Monday

If you don't think it's Thanksgiving unless you've had a slice of pumpkin pie, this beloved Logan Square bakery has you covered. Bang Bang's version (\$22) is made with locally farmed pumpkin and vanilla and features a made-from-scratch vegetarian graham cracker crust. Other options include apple crumble (\$26) made with Michigan apples and cinnamon, or chocolate-pecan pie (\$26) made with dark chocolate and fresh maple syrup.

PECKING ORDER

4416 N. Clark St. 773-907-9900

Order deadline: Sunday

For \$89.99, you can get the Uptown restaurant's signature Filipino-style rotisserie chicken along with mashed potatoes with toasted garlic, green beans slow-cooked with ginger and tomato, turkey giblet gravy, crushed pineapple-and-cranberry relish, glazed sweet potatoes and ginger carrots, plus Filipino dinner rolls. "Not everybody's going to eat turkey," chef Kristine Subido said. "For smaller families, it's just a lot of food. I think our roasted chicken is good enough to have on Thanksgiving, especially with all the sides." If your heart is set on turkey, Subido also is offering one for \$129.99 stuffed with lemongrass and ginger and cooked in the same way as the restaurant's chickens.

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Full speed ahead

Matthias Merges channels Italy, France by way of Hyde Park at A10

By Michael Nigrant | FOR REDEYE

I have never found a fly in my soup. But, I have had a glass of red wine spilled on a new white dress shirt, found hair in my food and had a plate of ravioli dumped in my lap. And yet, I don't know if I've ever been as annoyed with a restaurant as I was on a recent Sunday night at A10, the newest dining destination from Matthias Merges (formerly of Charlie Trotter's, currently owner at Billy Sunday, Yusho) in Hyde Park.

You don't mess with my Sunday evenings. They are sacrosanct. Sunday is the day where I put the ills of the past week behind me prepare for the week to come. Maybe you go to a movie, watch a ball game or read 50 shades of something on your couch in a threadbare Snuggie, but for me, the great escape is going out to a restaurant for a Sunday dinner. Someone else does the dishes, the wine flows and I get a chance to enjoy a dining room outfitted how I wish my own place would look if I had unlimited cash to blow on designer furniture. And then there is lots of great food cooked by great chefs—unless, of course, there is no dinner.

Brunch: It's what's for dinner

This particular Sunday, I had a hot date. We had coordinated schedules and canceled other plans to hit A10. Earlier in the week, we'd both drooled over A10's French and Italian-skewing dinner menu. The restaurant is named after the autostrada or A10 highways that cut through France and Italy; it is inspired by Merges and his wife, architect Rachel Crowl's, travels through the region. Merges and his chef John Vermiglio (Graham Elliot Bistro, Bravo's "Around the World in 80 Plates") had come up with a spectacular selection.



Matthias Merges at A10
PHOTOS BY JASON LITTLE/FOR REDEYE



When we arrived at 7 p.m., we had visions of bucatini carbonara and boudin noir dancing in our heads, but we were given a brunch menu. We assumed it was a mistake. Our server assured us they only serve brunch on Sundays, and that we weren't the only ones who'd complained. We asked if the website mentioned this. It didn't. The people at the table in front of me complained that the brunch dishes were overpriced. It's true that \$18 for a fried oyster eggs Benedict felt a little steep, but no one I know in town is making such a soft and fluffy English muffin, poaching eggs so expertly or whipping up as silky a hollandaise. Pumpkin brioche (\$6) was dry and tasted like it had been sitting around all day; I'd have preferred a Cinnabon. The people at the table behind me complained too, but that's because they were vegetarians and had a tough time finding anything on the limited brunch menu they liked that didn't have meat. But, as with people, it's not the best moments that define a restaurant. It's what they do in the worst moments that truly inform.

The taming by the crew

Vermiglio came out of the kitchen and offered to cook an eggplant gratin (which was not on the brunch menu) for the vegetarians. Front-of-house manager Malcolm Simkoff took a savage verbal beating from the price complainers, smiled graciously and offered to adjust



A10
1462 E. 53rd St. 773-288-1010
Off to a good start

their bill. Though that pumpkin brioche wasn't great, Simkoff had brought it to our table gratis because there was a problem with another dessert my date and I had ordered. He then heard my tale of disappointment and anticipation of a romantic, relaxing dinner and comped much of our brunch bill. When I spoke with Merges a few days later, I told him I was a little disappointed. "You and everyone else. We got killed," he said. "We wanted to do something a little quicker for Sundays. We're working on it. We'll likely create a card of maybe five extra dishes [to broaden the menu] on Sundays." The A10 team also has since changed the website menu title from "Brunch" to "Sunday Service" to indicate the special menu.

A10 dinner No. 2

I still wanted that dinner menu, so I returned three days later. Just as I was about to be seated, Simkoff recognized me from Sunday's meal and said, "I'm so glad you're giving us another chance. I hope tonight is better." It was. Tender tubes of housemade bucatini (\$14) coddled a 60-minute egg (yes, 60 whole minutes—it's cooked at roughly 60 degrees Celsius until the

white just sets, leaving a warm, velvety yolk) and tiny crisp polygons of guanciale, aka pig jowl bacon, from Benton's in Tennessee. The whole thing was soaked in cream and showered with biting red pepper. Packed with so many comforting carbs, I'm pretty sure I could have convinced a group of chain-smoking, diet-disciplined supermodels to wolf this down.

Though it sounds like a cool French film, boudin noir (\$22) is blood sausage. I know that sounds like a dare, but the A10 version, a custard-like pork sausage spiked with sweet spices, was a beautiful encased meat slathered with a creamy swoosh of hollandaise. Vermiglio added a nice bit of brightness in the form of a side garnish of pickled squid. I also dug the punchy red wine-poached raisin broth drizzled on a plate of medium-rare juicy duck breast (\$27).

There were only two dishes I had any minor issue with. To make a dish of wood-fired snails stewed with pearl onions and roasted garlic and topped with biscuits, Merges said he sources live snails from California and purges them of off-flavors by feeding them herbs before cooking. Snails are often rubbery, but this escargot was soft and smoky. That effort paid off, but the whole thing was a little flat and just needed more salt. Olive oil donuts (\$8) were hot from the fryer glistening in sugar and a gel of lemon curd. The first bite was life-affirming, but once I got to the center, they were a little too dense. These were minor quibbles, really.

It's not as if anyone was asking me to eat breakfast for dinner, like they were a few days earlier.

Not your grandpa's Hyde Park

One of the more compelling things about A10 is how lively it was for a restaurant that had only been open a week and a half. The folks seated next to me were North Side-dwelling foodies who loved Alinea and wanted to see what the restaurant's former sommelier Richard Richardson—the skinny white general manager rocking the super-afro—was up to. There was a big table of young undergrads celebrating. There were a lot of people on dates rubbing elbows with professorial types and groups of hard-drinking grad students. The place was packed at 10 p.m. on a Wednesday night.

Bottom line

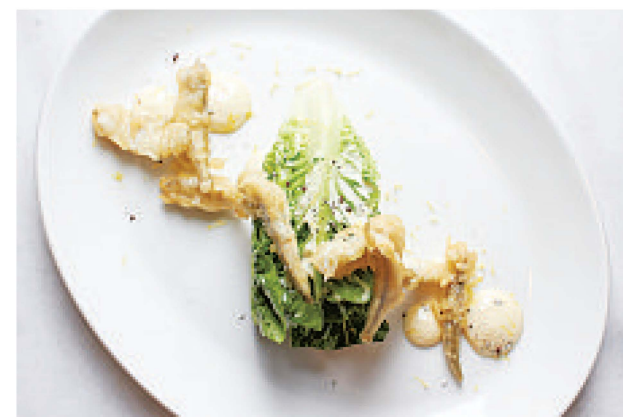
Hyde Park has a rich history; it has always been a magically diverse, smart and cultured place. It had museums, great bookstores and even a few good restaurants like Medici, La Petite Folie, Ribs & Bibs and Rajun Cajun. But it hasn't really had an eminent dining spot. A10 fills that void well. And yet, it's not just a place for Hyde Parkers—it's good enough to be a destination for all Chicagoans who love great food.

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The Butcher's burger at Chop Shop
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Chop Shop

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This bar/restaurant/butcher shop/lunch counter/event space has a seriously ambitious concept, but you don't have to take advantage of all of its facets during one visit. The Butcher's burger topped with aged cheddar and onion is a good place to start.



Attic at American Junkie

15 W. Illinois St. 312-239-0995

Spacious River North bar and restaurant American Junkie recently debuted this venue-within-a-venue, showcasing rotating work from local street artists and other updates to its second floor. While the first floor maintains a sports pub vibe, Attic aims to cater to those looking for a more clubby experience.

The Berkshire Room

15 E. Ohio St. 312-894-0800

One of the buzziest cocktail bars to open in River North this year completely re-vamped its menu this week to align with cooler temps. New creations (\$12) include Bronsolino—a riff on a fall daiquiri with rum, amaro, tamarind syrup and lime juice—and Autumnino, a fizzy mix of vodka, cider, amaro and prosecco.

Unite Urban Grill

1450 W. Chicago Ave. 312-455-8900

Husband-and-wife team Joe and Megan Krouse have combined his love for grilled meats with her talent for doctoring up veggies and grains. Chef Bradford Phillips, whose name you'll recognize from a turn at Pump Room and LM restaurants, turns out everything from butternut squash soup to a New York strip with worcestershire glaze.

Trellis 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-644-6441
Goodbye, Gaslight. Hello, **Trellis**. Four Corners Tavern Group (Benchmark, WestEnd, Kirkwood) has transformed the former Lincoln Park sports bar into a sleeker neighborhood wine bar with a wood-burning oven for flatbreads and steaks. Non-vino fans also will find a selection of craft beer on tap (\$6-\$9) and cocktails (\$11).

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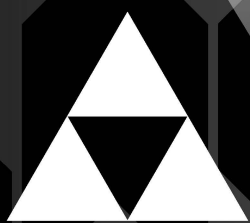
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Duck poutine (\$13) at Paramount Room 415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-829-6300

It should tell you something that a festival devoted to poutine now exists in Chicago. Poutine, of course, is the Quebecois dish of fries, gravy and cheese curds, an invention tailor-made for Chicago sensibilities. Around town, limitless versions abound, from foie gras mousse and pork belly at BadHappy Poutine Shop to vegetarian herbed mushroom gravy at The Bad Apple. Chef Stephen Dunne at Paramount Room contributes to the canon using duck that's braised overnight in ale and red wine. He pulls the meat off the bone and pours its braising liquid over thrice-cooked french fries, finishing with melted manchego cheese. Perhaps it's the lack of an overly gooey or creamy element, or that the duck isn't cooked confit, but unlike other versions, I found this poutine didn't leave my stomach in a pit of despair. This feels like November food—not quite December roast or January chili, just a hefty and comforting dish of fried potatoes to counter the outside chill. **TRIBUNE**

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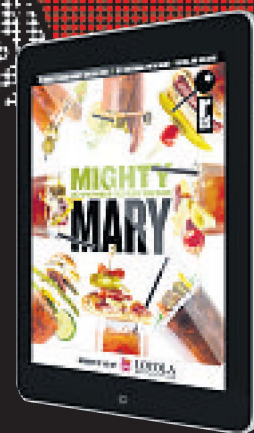
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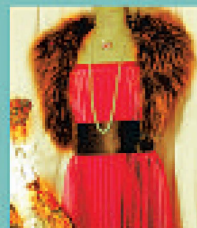
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Chris Pratt (left) and Vince Vaughn in 'Delivery Man'

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Eight months ago, the French-Canadian dramedy "Starbuck" opened in Chicago. The schmaltzy, cheaply sentimental film featured an unlikely guy trying to

prove he's not a jerk by doing things the only way he knows how and waiting for everyone to give him a break.

It had Vince Vaughn's name written all over it.

Abracadabra, we have "Delivery Man," the Vaughn-starring remake of "Starbuck," unfortunately still written and directed by Ken Scott. Perhaps a new filmmaker would have embraced the nitty-gritty details of David (Vaughn) finding out that a procedural error led to his 693 sperm donations spawning 533 children, 142 of whom contest their biological father's right to anonymity. A different director could have suggested that the goons hounding David and his family for his \$80,000 debt actually mean business, and could have acknowledged that not all children conceived via sperm donation have no father figure.

Instead, Scott makes the same mistakes again. Better suited for a TV series than a movie, the contrived, low-energy "Delivery Man" is a drama with no tension and a comedy with few jokes and bad timing. Having learned that his girlfriend (Cobie Smulders) is pregnant but doesn't want him involved, David decides that he wants kids and aims to be a "guardian angel" to his secret children



Delivery Man
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without coming clean about his identity. This behavior is played for laughs, even when he introduces Kristen (Britt Robertson), who doesn't know David is her father, as "an ex-drug addict" to some of her newfound brothers. In reality, this probably would crush her. It's not even the scene's worst moment. That comes when David claims to be the adoptive father of a young man with special needs, and David uncomfortably repeats the word "disabled" so many times you think his brain's a skipping record.

I'm not a grinch. I loved "About Time," a movie that practically came coated in powdered sugar. I feel nothing but irritation for "Delivery Man" because the film sets up an extreme situation that begs for emotional authenticity but only presents superficial, unearned feel-goodery. David doesn't want to be a dad; he wants to be a cheerleader. He only identifies each of his kids by one trait, and you can imagine him thinking of them as "the lifeguard" or "the Jason Mraz-looking street performer." When one actually tries to spend extended time with him, David complains.

Off the top of my head, we've had the scene in "Road Trip." We've had the mediocre "The Babymakers." And now "Starbuck" and "Delivery Man." Hollywood, it's time for some Regina George-style advice: Stop trying to make sperm bank comedies happen.

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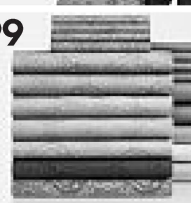
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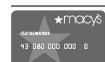
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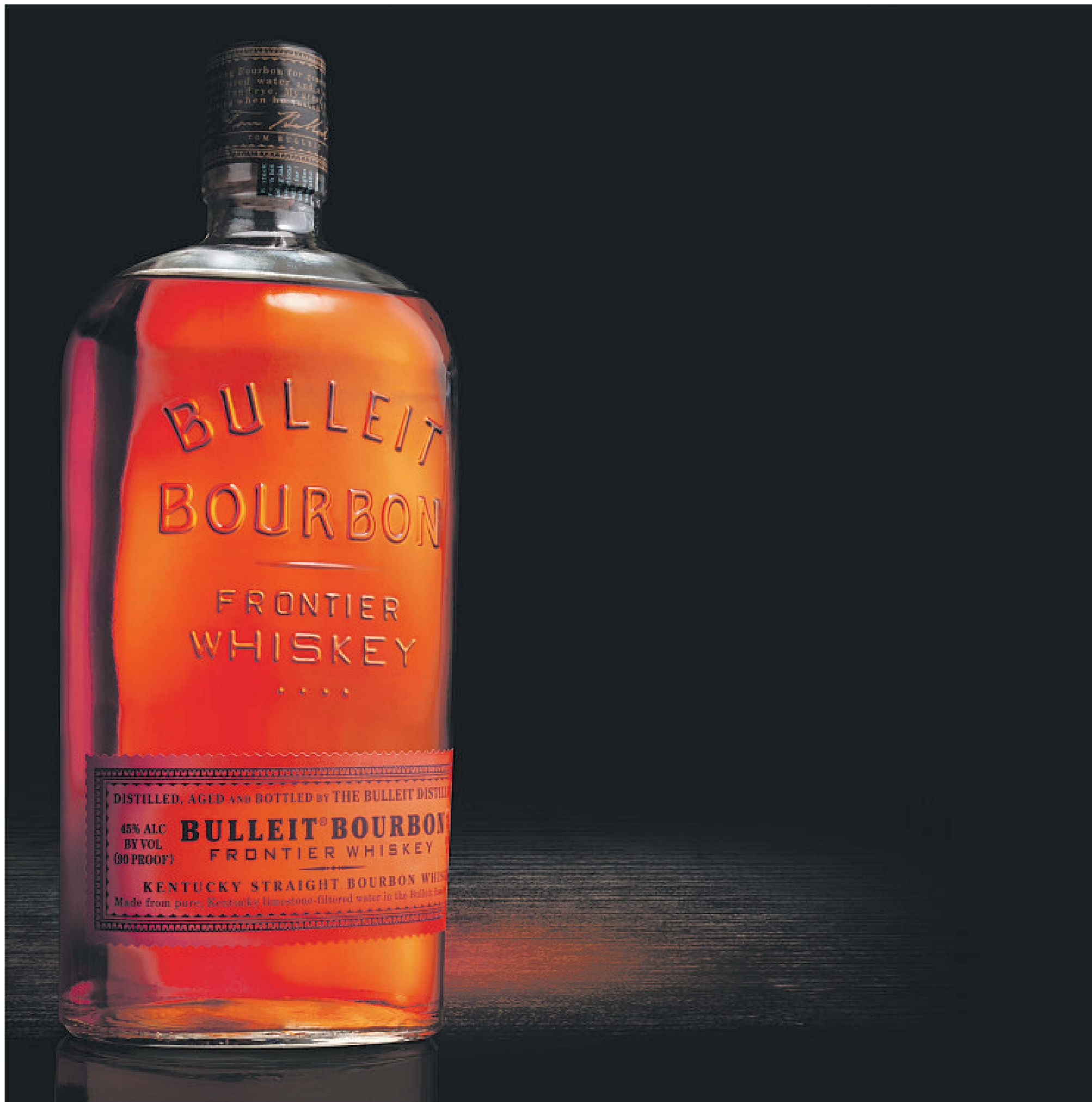


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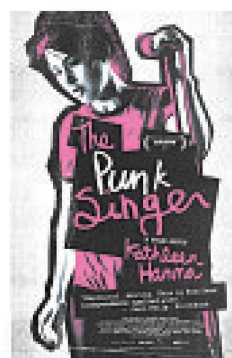
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THIS WEEK'S TOP RELEASES

Breaking Bad: The Complete Series and Breaking Bad: The Final Season

When the series debuted on AMC in January 2008, it didn't draw much notice or many viewers, but by the time the series finale ran in September, the drama had become a cultural event. "Breaking Bad" is squarely on the short list of "greatest TV shows of all time," and the intense, unpredictable saga of a cancer-ridden chemistry teacher and his attempts to break into the methamphetamine business is creator Vince Gilligan's grand statement about American enterprise, the rot of greed and the hunger for status. It's also beautifully cinematic, shot through with pitch-black humor and a showcase for multiple indelible performances, including Bryan Cranston's as antihero Walter White.

Extras: The complete series Blu-ray set comes packaged in a plastic barrel and adds hours of behind-the-scenes material. The final season also is available separately on DVD and Blu-ray.



The Punk Singer

Sini Anderson's documentary looks back at the influential, interrupted career of Kathleen Hanna, who helped lead the punk-feminist riot

grrrl movement in the 1990s and 2000s as the frontwoman for the bands Bikini Kill and Le Tigre, before health problems forced her into early retirement. Anchored by extended interviews with Hanna and her friends and fans—supported by thrilling footage of the subject onstage in her prime, bopping about and provoking the crowd—"The Punk Singer" is an artfully assembled biography of a major cultural figure who's now attempting a comeback with her new band, the Julie Ruin. But Anderson doesn't shy away from the complexity and seeming contradictions of Hanna's life and ideology, or from the challenges she's faced as a rock 'n' roll icon due to her gender.



The Grandmaster

It seems scarcely a week goes by without another Hong Kong action film about the life of martial arts legend Ip Man, but this biopic still is a major cinemat-

ic event—it was made by Wong Kar-wai, one of the medium's premier visual poets. With longtime collaborator Tony Leung playing Ip Man (and Zhang Ziyi playing the disgruntled but alluring daughter of the hero's rival), and a story line that spans decades and moves from mainland China to Hong Kong, Wong has all the material he needs for a beautifully crafted, typically opaque historical drama, peppered with visionary fight sequences that are more like avant-garde dance than conventional action.

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—NOEL MURRAY, LOS ANGELES TIMES

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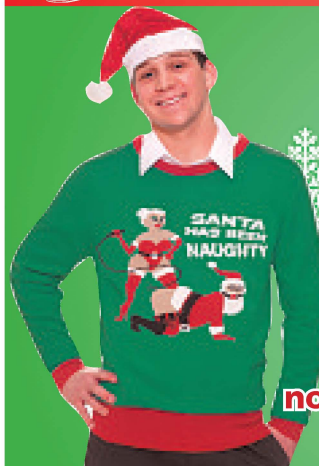
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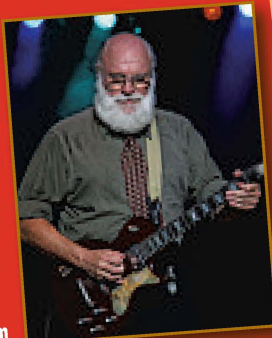
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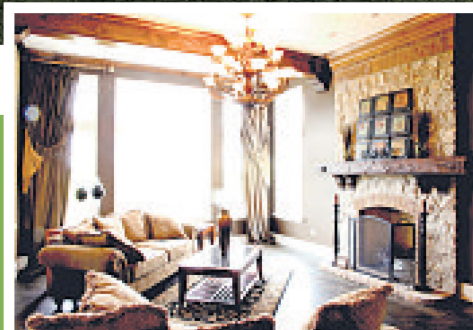
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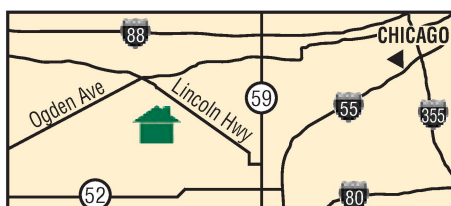
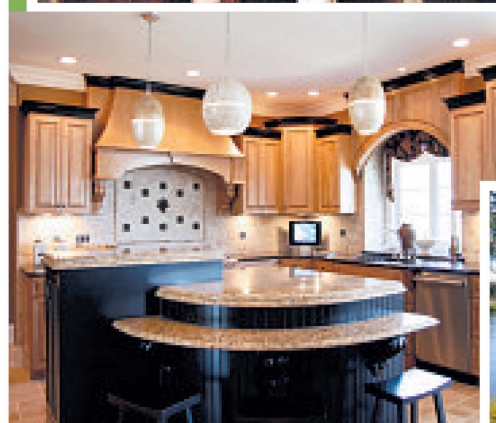
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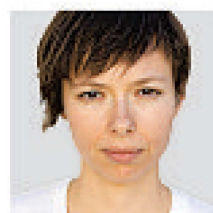
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He's afraid of sex toys



**Anna
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Hi Anna, I have trouble orgasming when I'm with my boyfriend. When I'm alone, I can get myself off without any problems. I thought it might help if we used a vibrator in bed, but when I brought it up, he got all weird and defensive. Is he insecure about a toy being better/more efficient

than he is? I don't really understand and it's frustrating. How can I talk him into at least trying it? —Not Toying Around

Dear Toying,

I can't say that I blame him. I don't know how many times I've lost girlfriends and lovers to a vibrator. All my wining, dining and being a sentient lifeform just couldn't compete with 2 inches of rubber and a watch battery.

I think your boyfriend's acting like a tool, but I'll assume he has good qualities you just didn't mention: Perhaps he watched the Katy Perry documentary with you or knows how to reach the operator when calling Comcast.

If he's swayed by science, you could point him to this study, which showed that women who use vibrators benefit from more arousal, lubrication, sexual satisfaction and orgasms, and experience less pain during sex. In short, good vibes for you = more sex for him.

You might also suggest going to the sex-toy store together and letting him pick out something that doesn't make him feel defensive. He might have it in his head that all toys look and sound like alien lawn mower bludgeons. Sharing the bed with a motorized vacuum



attachment or Hitachi Magic Wand can be an unwieldy task, especially for the uninitiated. But there's no need to bring the Hubble telescope into bed. There are plenty of smaller, less intimidating toys out there, like bullets, "love" rings and those finger massager things that turn your digits into vibrators. Such toys certainly don't replace p-in-the-v sex, they simply enhance what's already there with a little technology and a lot of awesome. You could also promise not to use the toy(s) you get unless he's around, so he won't feel "replaced."

Alternately, you could tell him that his hand makes you feel weird and defensive and you'd appreciate he not use it to pleasure himself unless you are there and directly involved. Because that's how silly he sounds.

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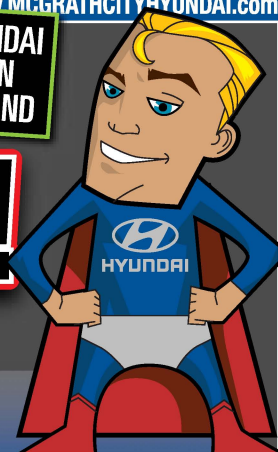
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Pack light for a holiday miracle



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Most travel is a pain in the ass, but holiday travel is extra annoying. You have a ton of travelers all trying to get somewhere at the same time while toting a ton of stuff they don't need.

What you end up with is a big pile of awful. Literally, because all that extra luggage is awful. That said, here are my sug-

gestions for how to get home (or wherever) for the holidays without all the extra stuff.

» You do not need a bag larger than a carry-on. You don't. Starting with a giant bag gives you a mental excuse to fill the damn thing, which means you'll end up with more than you need. Limiting your packing space equals limiting the number of things you can pack equals bringing fewer things. It's science.

» Unless you're traveling to a third-world

country, you probably don't need to pack anything "just in case." Everywhere has toothpaste and shampoo and deodorant. Everywhere. So unless you have some sort of fancy prescription toiletries, you don't need to worry about getting 3-ounce portions of face wash and conditioner together and making sure they fit in those little plastic baggies. And if you're staying with family, they'll probably have these things already and let you borrow them. (You should check first, though; it's only polite.)

» You do not need that many pairs of shoes. Or pants. Or shirts. Or anything, really. The trick is to make the things you pack work for you in more than one way. With the exception of underwear and socks, you're probably going to rewear a few things, so you may as well make sure the things you bring will work with each other to provide you with enough outfits for day/night/parties/whatever.

» Be aware of the weather at your travel destination and remember to pack accordingly, but don't use the fact that it's cold as

an excuse to bring more things. Instead, make sure the things you do pack can be layered.

» Comfortable shoes. I'll say this again: comfortable shoes. If you're doing any sort of traveling that entails walking around for any length of time, make sure your footwear can hack it and is weather-appropriate. (Yours truly wore Converse in Germany for too long and was nearly crippled by the time she returned.)

» Make a list. Yes, I know, you don't need a list. But seriously, make a list. Make sure you have things you NEED, not things you THINK you need.

» Pack smart. You've heard about stuffing smaller items into your shoes and maybe you've laughed about it but DON'T LAUGH, because that's a crazy smart thing to do. Also, rolling your shirts makes them less prone to wrinkling, and they also take up less space.

» Are you traveling with gifts? Is there no





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way you can ship them in advance? This is pretty much the only instance that it's OK to check a bag—and it should be the ONLY bag you check. If you're one of those people who tends to buy clothes as gifts, don't wrap them in advance, if you can help it.

Whether you're visiting family or going to Europe to stay in a cave hotel, bringing a bunch of stuff isn't going to make your trip better. Focus on where you're going and whom you're going to see. And leave all your weird hair appliances at home.

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THE TWEET LIFE

Hollywood's social media managers step into the spotlight

Los Angeles Times

She knew they were waiting to hear from her—Channing Tatum's millions of fans.

It had been more than an hour since LaQuishe Wright had posted a photo of the actor on his Twitter account, dressed in a suit and "Headed to the Zeigfield." Now she and Tatum had arrived at the "White House Down" premiere, and Wright needed to give his followers another update.

So as he began walking down the red carpet, posing for photographs and greeting reporters, she stayed close by. Glued to her iPhone, she was barely noticeable among the melee. But Wright was one of the most important members of Tatum's entourage that evening: his social media manager, paid to make sure his fans (8.2 million on Facebook, 5.3 million on Twitter and 2.6 million on Instagram) are aware of what he's up to on a near-hourly basis.

As studio executives and casting directors increasingly factor in a celebrity's digital fan base, maintaining a healthy online presence has become vital for Hollywood stars. That's where Wright and a generation of her tech-savvy peers come in, helping to amplify and control the reputations of public figures via social media.

For social media buffs, it sounds like a dream job: tweeting for a living. But Wright—whose client roster includes Zac Efron, Paul Walker, Nicholas Sparks and movie studios like Sony Pictures and 20th Century Fox—is constantly on-guard.

"A lot of celebrities have an aversion to Twitter, and I get it—they're scheduled every four minutes of their life, and they don't want to have to worry about it," said Wright, who goes by "Q." "But if you have a great social presence, that is a 100 percent benefit. Fans are more prone to go see Channing Tatum's movie if he's telling them about it—not a studio."

Many studios have their own in-house digital teams but will hire consultants like Wright to work on specific projects. The messages she sends out are conversational in tone—encouraging fans to check out a behind-the-scenes photo or sending out good wishes on certain holidays.

There are plenty of Twitter holdouts—mostly high-profile stars like George Clooney, Ryan Gosling and Jennifer Lawrence—who for reasons of privacy or mystery have chosen to stay out of the digital limelight. That can prove frustrating to executives like Jones, who says, "It'd be a dream for all of our actors to have a big social media following."

"Honestly, though, I do think it's really hard for a celebrity to run all of their accounts by themselves," she added. "The smart ones understand they need someone to help."

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Maggie Q: 'Nikita' is going out with a bang



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Maggie Q charmed everyone at The CW's 2010 Upfront presentation with her sweet, funny introduction of her first TV series, "Nikita."

At the time, Q had appeared in mostly action films, and rarely in a lead role. She was new to TV—and to being the center of attention in a room full of

executives, advertisers and oh-so-many young, gorgeous stars.

"They threw me on stage and I didn't know what the hell to do or what to say in this room full of very serious people, you know," she said during a recent phone interview. "Not only had I never done TV, I'd just

never even been around that."

Flash forward to the present: For three seasons, Q had lead a group of actors that includes Shane West, Lyndsy Fonseca and Aaron Stanford while kicking butt as rogue assassin-turned-world saver Nikita Mears. She's doing press for the action series' final six episodes, a mini-season Q and creator Craig Silverstein have been granted "because our fans have been so wonderful," she said. It's a rare chance for a perpetually endangered series to wrap up its story.

"The fact that we kind of kept going and going and we're able to end it is great," Q said. "A lot of times you don't get that opportunity."

"OK, maybe six [episodes] wasn't ideal; maybe 13 would have given us a little more story. But with six you don't have the fat on any episode. You just go for it, and every single one is a movie. So we are going out with a bang big time on this show."



'Nikita'

The final season, debuting at 7 p.m. Friday on The CW, kicks off about three months after the U.S. government launched a worldwide manhunt for Nikita, who has been framed for the president's assassination. She's on the run, purposefully separated from the fellow spies who have become her family, as well as her fiancé, Michael (West).

Nikita's new family will suffer this season even before what she teases is an epic finale Dec. 27. "There's gonna be some loss this

season that is really gonna kill people who love the show," she said.

Q, who shot the film "Divergent" in Chicago this summer, returned to the city this week to film the indie movie "Broken Benches" with John Leguizamo. It's a small role, she said, which is just fine with her.

"I've been a main person for four years," she said last week from Los Angeles, where she was hiking with her dog, Caesar. "I'd like to take a little break from that."

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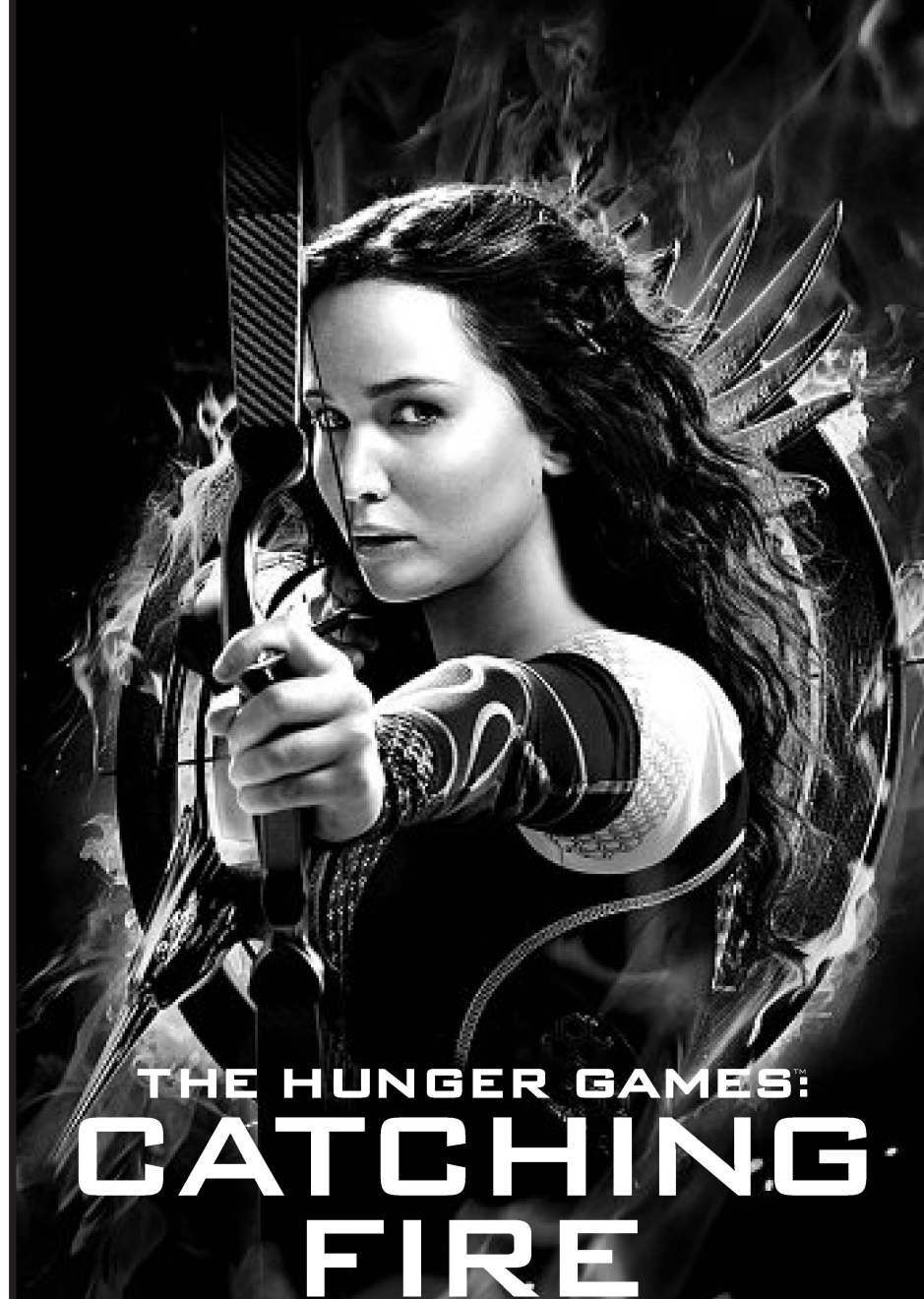
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“This is for Chicago, I have great friends there, it’s a beautiful city,” Stewart said before he took a bite of the pizza.

Malnati, owner of the Chicago pizza franchise, got booed by the audience when he put the plate in front of Stewart with a fork and knife, but in the end, Stewart said he apologized and declared the pizza “very tasty.”

Lou Malnati’s posted a video on YouTube on Monday, showing Marc Malnati tasting some traditional New York-style pizza and offering to deliver a pizza to Stewart.

Giordano’s also joined the debate, posting a video last week.

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By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

I have visited every state and every Major League Baseball park, and I've picked up a few travel tips along the way. Consider these as you make your plans for the holiday season. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM | @TRACYSWARTZ

■ **Try a different airport.** O'Hare and Midway? Been there, done that. Have you traveled from the Milwaukee, Rockford or South Bend airports? Amtrak trains pick up at Union Station and drops riders off at the Milwaukee airport for a \$20 ticket each way. The Milwaukee airport, which is considerably less crowded than the Chicago airports, is served by many of the major airlines, and I've found tickets out of Milwaukee are cheaper, especially to Denver, Minneapolis and Washington, D.C.

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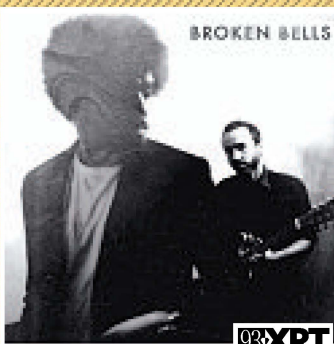
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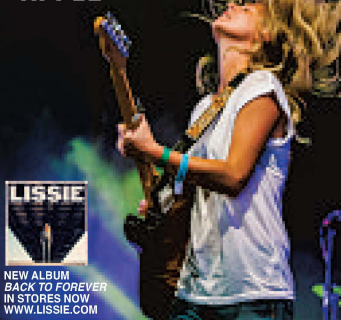
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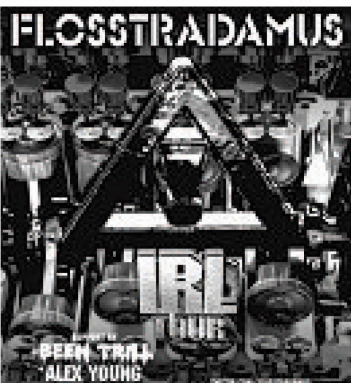
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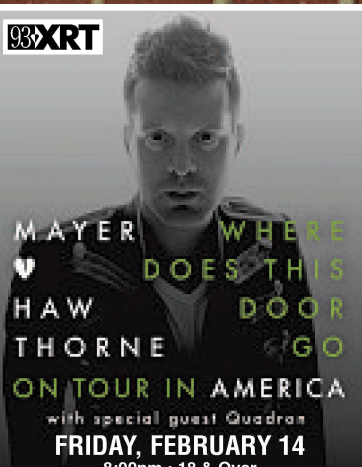
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Lupe Fiasco is a rapper filled with contradictions

Chicago Tribune

The first lyric on last year's Lupe Fiasco album, "Food & Liquor II: The Great American Rap Album Pt. 1," reads as follows: "Now I can't pledge allegiance to your flag/Cause I can't find no reconciliation with your past." He has said his next album, "Tetsuo & Youth," will be in a lighter, more pop style, de-emphasizing this kind of intense social commentary.

True?

"Nah," he says. "It's about smoking crack."

The Chicago-born rapper pauses a beat to wait for this deadpan joke to sink in. "There's literally a song on the album called 'Smoking Crack'—featuring Chris Brown," he clarifies. "If you take that to be a political statement, OK. That's for you."

"Political" is a bit of a dirty word lately for Fiasco, 31, whose given name is Wasalu Muhammed Jaco. Earlier this year, he had the audacity to criticize President Obama—in one freestyle rap, circulated widely online, he

declared he didn't vote for him—during an inauguration performance. After months of resulting bad press, Fiasco spends the first few minutes of a phone interview from an L.A. tour stop railing against the idea that he's political.

"The majority of my music has nothing to do with politics. It has nothing to do with social commentary," he says. "A lot of my music is fantasy-based—daydreaming, giant robots flying through the sky. Interlaced in that is stories [of] where I come from, what I've seen as a child. Sometimes it's fantasy. Sometimes it's the reality of being a black man in America growing up in dangerous neighborhoods."

Then, in his funny, fast-paced way, Fiasco contradicts himself by launching into a diatribe that can only be described as social commentary. "When somebody says, 'Lupe's being political,' it's not a progressive or positive thing. It's always to kind of put me down, or wash out what I'm saying," he says. "If you're going to ad-



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dress violence in the city, you're going to have to deal with everything in the city—not just the Gold Coast and Wicker Park. I spoke this directly to the mayor's face—'if you really want to fix this city, you got to treat this city like it's the entire city.'"

Fiasco says "Tetsuo & Youth," due sometime in early 2014, is likely to be in the soft, sentimental vein of its first single, "Old School Love," which he released a month ago. But "Tetsuo," which he has said was partly inspired by the young motorcycle gang member in

"Akira," a popular manga series in Japan, will be experimental and ambitious in Fiasco's try-everything way.

"You'll get a superstar, something that's nice and soft," he says. "Then you'll get the weight that's coming from this record and the next couple of singles—just a very hard, aggressive kind of record, stuff that's built and engineered for clubs, and the opposite of what 'Old School Love' will sound like. ... Of course, you want to be played on the radio and have a nice pop record. But I want to challenge myself."



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All Power Options, CD, Traction, Keyless Entry! Alloys!
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SUBARU 2013 LEGACY AWD PREMIUM,
30K Miles! Heated Seats, Full Power, CD, Bluetooth, & Alloys!
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CHEVY 2007 TRAILBLAZER LS 4X4, Low Miles! Power
Leather, CD, Dual Temperature Control, Alloys! Immaculate
Condition! (P9485) **\$9,995 847-264-4283**



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MAZDA 2012 MAZDA6,
41K Miles! Auto, Full Power, Bluetooth, CD, Alloys!
Save Lots From New! (P9576) **\$14,490 847-264-4283**



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HONDA 2009 CR-V EXL AWD,
59K Miles! Heated Leather, 6-Disc CD, Moonroof, Alloys!
(P9552) **\$18,748 847-231-2559**



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MAZDA 2010 CX-7,
Heated Seats, Moonroof, Bluetooth, CD, Alloys!
Nicely Loaded! (V4417A) **\$13,488 847-231-2559**



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SUBARU 2009 IMPREZA 2.5i SPORT WAGON,
Only 44K Miles! CD, Traction, Keyless Entry! (714304A)
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VW 2012 BEETLE 2.0 TURBO,
Only 11K Miles! Auto, CD, Alloys, & Power!
(1246A) **\$18,598 312-902-FIAT**



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SUBARU 2009 LEGACY LIMITED AWD,
47K Extra Low Miles! Auto, Moonroof, & Leather! One Owner!
(1211A) **\$14,985 312-902-FIAT**



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TOYOTA 2011 RAV4 4WD,
Low Miles! Auto, Moonroof, CD, Alloys, & Power! (1160A)
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SUBARU 2006 LEGACY OUTBACK LIMITED AWD,
Heated Leather, Panoramic Roof, Alloys, & Power! (1250A)
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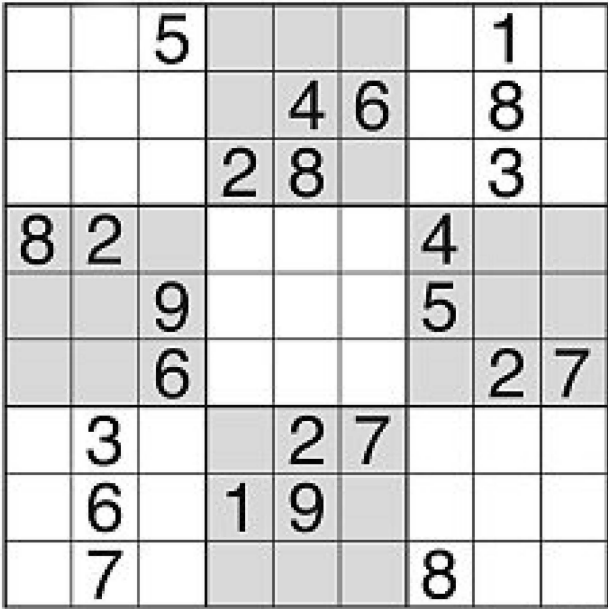
MINI 2011 COOPER COUNTRYMAN S,
Heated Leather, Dual Moonroofs, Power, & More! (1203A)
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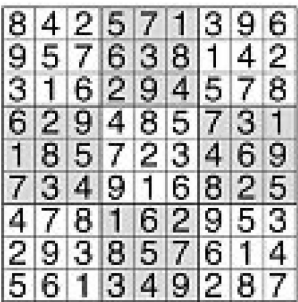
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CHEVY 2011 CAMARO SS TRANSFORMER EDITION,
Only 20K Miles! Heated Leather, Moonroof, Bose,
Power & Performance! (1392A) **\$26,895 312-902-FIAT**

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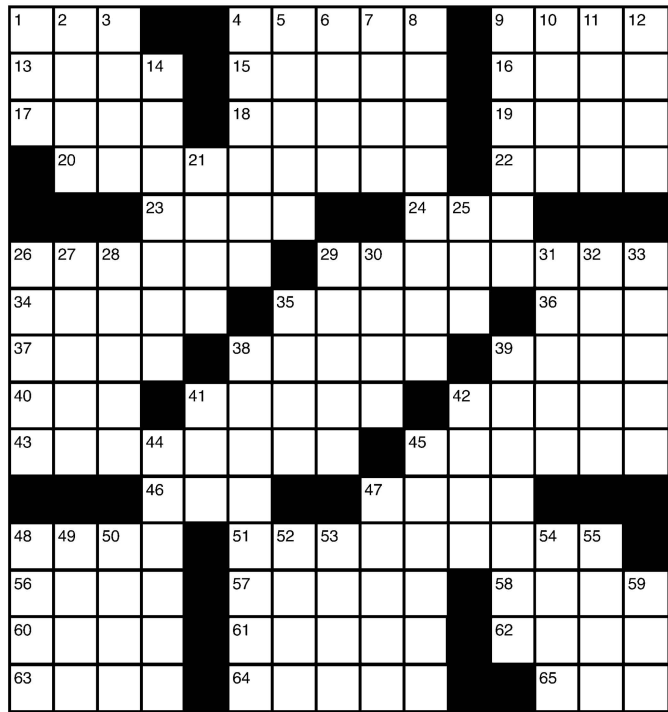


ACROSS

- 1 Black Jack or Juicy Fruit
- 4 Run ; chase
- 9 "For Your _ Only"; 007 film
- 13 Individuals
- 15 Idaho's capital
- 16 Company symbol
- 17 Evergreen tree
- 18 Freeway entrances
- 19 Therefore
- 20 Like stormy weather
- 22 Life jacket, e.g.
- 23 Diagrams on GPS screens
- 24 Gorilla, for one
- 26 Skillful
- 29 Tardiness
- 34 Old ; familiar hangout
- 35 Blanket
- 36 Gobbled up
- 37 Concludes
- 38 Bette or Geena
- 39 Monster
- 40 Highest spade
- 41 Punctured
- 42 Dinner course
- 43 Insane
- 45 Jails
- 46 Actor's hint
- 47 Knit with reverse stitch
- 48 Fashionable
- 51 Artificial sweetener
- 56 Seldom seen
- 57 _ cats and dogs; pours
- 58 Butterfly catchers' needs
- 60 Sitting upon
- 61 Pyle or Els
- 62 Landing place
- 63 Inclination
- 64 Compact _; CDs
- 65 For what reason?

DOWN

- 1 Republican Party, for short
- 2 Military division
- 3 List of dishes
- 4 Sudden
- 5 Young horses
- 6 On _; prompt
- 7 Sports network
- 8 Says again
- 9 Five and six
- 10 Olden times
- 11 Breakfast order
- 12 Hearth residue



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1% REMEMBER BACK WHEN GAGA FIRST GOT FAMOUS, AND SHE HAD THOSE COOL-ASS BLUNT BANGS AND BLOND HAIR? I MISS THAT.

2% WHY DOES LADY GAGA NEED TO DRESS HERSELF IN DIRT? SHE HAS SO MANY COOL OUTFITS THAT SHE ALREADY CAN'T WEAR IN PUBLIC IN A PRACTICAL FASHION.

2% THOSE COMPUTER GLASSES ARE ACTUALLY REALLY COOL.

5% DOES IT HURT HER BUTT TO BE SITTING ON TOP OF THAT COMPUTER THINGIE?

90% HOLY ^&^%\$, YOU CAN TOTALLY SEE HER LABIA

WE NEED TO TALK

Lady Gaga, you may have gone too far. Even for us.

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

"Artpop" has not been quite the success that Lady Gaga and her team hoped it would be. Instead, the album is down 75 percent from her "Born This Way" sales, and may stand to lose \$25 million, **thewrap.com** reports. So we suspect she's getting a little desperate in her attempts to sell more copies. On Wednesday, Gaga released an "Artpop" film at a secret event in Brooklyn, and the movie features her covering her nude body in dirt and posing sans dirt and clothes on top of some electronics. Here's our knee-jerk reaction after watching the film.

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red hot



SNLOL

Deck the halls with laughter! "SNL" has announced its lineup for December, and it's going to be a very merry (and white male-filled) month. Paul Rudd, John Goodman and Jimmy Fallon are all set to host, with One Direction, Kings of Leon and **Justin Timberlake** coming in as musical guests. We're a little bummed that Rudd and J. Timbs aren't paired up; they're definitely a perfect fantasy combination, if you know what we mean.

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...



SOME GUY WHO JUMPED OUT OF A BUILDING!

At least, in Jason Statham's mind. The "Homefront" star told Vanity Fair that stuntmen and -women deserve their own category at the Academy Awards, saying that it's an overlooked job, considering how much danger these stars put themselves in. Hey dude, Judi Dench was in SO much danger during those 14-ish minutes she was in "Shakespeare in Love."

Jason Statham
in 'Parker'



"Look, I can't help it if I'm [bleeping] adorable. I mean, that's subjective, but if you find me adorable, that's your problem."

—Sarah Silverman, to Vulture, on her use of cuteness in her act

Shhhh!

Can you read **Kristin Cavallari's** poker face? The reality TV star and Jay Cutler's (first) wife told People magazine that she and her hubby will be keeping their second baby's sex a secret until he or she is born. This did not exactly work out so well with her son, but maybe the second time's the charm? Nah ...

Harry Potter and the Order of the Retweet

Daniel Radcliffe will NEVER give in to the temptress that is social media. "If you go on Twitter and tell everybody what you're doing moment to moment, and then claim you want a private life, no one's going to take that request seriously," he told People magazine. We're pretty sure this is only because there was no Twitter at Hogwarts, but sure, we'll go with it.

HOT DATE

MAY 15, 2015

That's when "Mad Max: Fury Road" is set to be released, **variety.com** reports. Tom Hardy is set to star, and we HOPE there will be at least four times more thunderdome than featured in "Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome."

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